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The applicant respectfully requests that the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each of these references, except for U.S. patents and patent application publications is enclosed. (See the notice, "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003," Pre-OG Notices (July 11, 2003).)

Non-English language references EP 0 748 891 and DE 196 11 402 A1 are discussed in the International Search Report to counterpart International Application PCT/EP04/014301.

Non-English language references EP 0 748 891 also corresponds to non-English language reference DE 195 21 326 A1. An English language abstract of non-English language reference JP-2003-207454 is also provided.

German Reference DE 36 25 817 A1 discloses a sensor for determining tensides, in an aqueous solution. The sensor comprises a sender and a receiver arranged behind windows defining a channel in which the aqueous solution is flowing. A lens is used to shape the light of the sender to be parallel.

German reference DE 195 21 326 shows a sender and a receiver arranged on separate supports. The supports are used to align the sender and the receiver.

German reference DE 196 31 703 discloses a collimating or focusing optical device for generating a parallel light beam. At the side of the receiver such an optical element is provided for focusing the parallel beam.

German reference DE 197 14 695 A1 shows a sender and a receiver arranged at a common support.

Japanese application JP 2003-207454 shows a sender and a receiver arranged at a common support. Channels are provided for guiding the light. Further channels are provided for guiding light to the receiver.

German reference DE 695 11 858 T2 discloses a sender and a receiver. At the side of the sender there is an opening in a surface to define the area of the receiver at which light is received.

European application EP 0 748 891 was cited in the international search report as a category "A" reference.

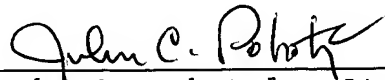
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